



SBA DISASTER NEWS

Federal Disaster Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR DISASTER VICTIMS

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Louisiana parishes, Arkansas and Texas counties have until **September 15, 2003** to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to excessive rain that occurred September 16, 2002, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. Businesses in the following parishes and counties are eligible to apply:

Louisiana:

Allen	Concordia	Madison	St. Martin
Avoyelles	De Soto	Morehouse	Tensas
Beauregard	East Carroll	Natchitoches	Union
Bienville	East Feliciana	Ouachita	Vermillion
Bossier	Franklin	Pointe Coupee	Vernon
Caddo	Grant	Rapides	West Baton Rouge
Calcasieu	Iberville	Red River	West Carroll
Caldwell	Jackson	Richland	West Feliciana
Cameron	Jefferson Davis	Sabine	Winn
Catahoula	La Salle	St. Landry	

Arkansas:

Ashley	Chicot	Union
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Texas:

Jefferson	Orange	Shelby
Newton	Panola	

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

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SBA DISASTER LOAN DEADLINE APPROACHING

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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For more information about the SBA Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.